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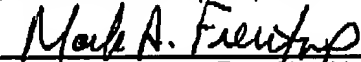
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Attached is a Reply to Non-Final Office Action.

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Sir:

This is Applicants' response to the Office Action mailed March 16, 2006, for which the three month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on June 16, 2006. Reply is timely and no extension fee is due.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.